

Appl. No. 09/940,378
Amdt.AF dated August 17, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action of June 22, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed June 22, 2005. Claims 105, 109-112, 116-119, and 121-122 remain pending. Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated the allowability of then pending claims 107, 109, 111, 112, 120, and 123, if amended to be in independent form.

With the above amendments, claim 105 has been amended to incorporate previous claim 107, rendering claim 105 allowable. Claims 109, 111 and 112 have been amended to incorporate previous claims 105 and 108, rendering each of these claims allowable. Claim 110 has been amended to depend from claim 109, and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 116, given the allowability of claim 105 after the above amendment, is also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 117 has been amended to incorporate previous claim 120, placing claim 117 in condition for allowance. Claim 120 has been cancelled. Claims 118-119 are therefore also believed to be in condition for allowance, as each depends from allowable claim 117.

Claim 121 has been amended to incorporate claim 123, which is cancelled. It is believed that claim 121 is now in condition for allowance. With the allowability of claim 121, it is believed that claim 122 is also in condition for allowance.

All other claims have been cancelled without prejudice, rendering the pending rejections moot.

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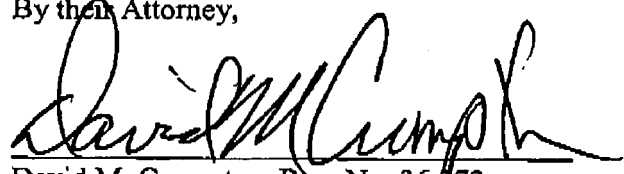
Allowance of all pending claims in accordance with the Examiner's statement of allowability in the Final Office Action is requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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